

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. If the LEC's see this as unfair, they should spin off the shared infrastructure operations into a separate company that sells service to ILEC's and CLEC's on an equal basis.